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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 4, 2004, the Examiner rejected the pending Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as an impermissible type of statutory double patenting. By this paper, the Applicant has amended Claim 1 to incorporate the limitation that the decorative, weather-resistant member is formed of a tarnish-resistant material which is not contained in any of the claims of the Applicant's previously issued patent. Therefore, the Applicant submits that Claim 1 as amended is no longer double patenting under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

The Applicant is further submitting concurrently herewith a terminal disclaimer to address any obviousness-type double patenting rejection raised by the Examiner. Moreover, the Applicant is further adding additional dependent claims to further define the subject matter and is also submitting independent Claim 11 which further defines the invention and also includes a limitation similar to the limitation discussed in connection with Claim 1 above.

The Applicant therefore believes that the above-captioned application is in condition for allowance and requests the prompt allowance of the same. Should there be any impediment to the prompt allowance of this application that could be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number shown below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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